

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014**

A Workshop Meeting of the Deltona City Commission was held on Monday, October 6, 2014 in the City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2345 Providence Blvd. Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor John Masiarczyk, Sr.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	John Masiarczyk	Present
Vice Mayor	Heidi Herzberg	Present
Commissioner	Webster Barnaby	Present
Commissioner	Zenaida Denizac	Present
Commissioner	Anthony Bellizio	Present
Commissioner	Chris Nabicht	Present
Commissioner	Nancy Schleicher	Present
Acting City Manager	Dale Baker	Present
City Attorney	Becky Vose	Present
City Clerk	Joyce Raftery	Present

Also Present: Acting Deputy City Manager Gerald Chancellor; Parks & Recreation Director Steve Moore; and VCSO Captain Dave Brannon.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Masiarczyk led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened and closed the meeting for public comment as there were none.

4. BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and direction from the City Commission to Deltona's Lobbyist.

Kirk Pepper and Dean Cannon with Capitol Insight gave a brief presentation on the 2014 Legislative Update which included Deltona offensive and defensive priorities, grants and funding, short-term goals, long-term goals, outlook for 2014-15, 2014 political overview, and 2015 session planning process.

Mayor Masiarczyk asked if there is anything coming up that is potentially hazardous to cities in the next session. Mr. Pepper replied long-term water quality priorities in the State and Mr. Cannon stated the biggest issue is water quality and septic tanks. In the next two (2) years the political outlook of the legislative composition is not going to change much, incoming Senate President

Andy Gardner from Orange County and Steve Chrisifulli from Brevard County have made a commitment and it is no secret about water quality, environmental preservation and specifically the implementation of Amendment #1 setting aside some of the doc stamp revenue for water and land improvement projects. That will draw a ton of focus into anything that has to do with water. He stated he Mr. Kirk talked about for potential gain or for things not going well and policy wise which will be the main focus. The State's economic picture looks good with a modest increase in growth, the pursuit of water projects should be as good or better than last year, the enterprise zone issue will be sunset and everything is back on the table and will be playing defense on any unfavorable things coming up in the next session. Mr. Pepper stated he will be looking at the next 50 years and how to move the State in the right direction in regards to water policy spearheaded by the speaker who understands local government from Brevard County and does not approach things simplistically.

Commissioner Denizac asked about Amendment #1, the septic tank issues which will devastate the City, and needing to play defense and be proactive. Mr. Cannon replied both the incoming speakers understand the concerns, it is not attainable and not fair, and do not take a hand fisted approach, it will be a thoughtful approach. He stated anything with Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) or Enterprise Funds need overhauling, not systemic changes, there being a need to take a step back and write the Bill over so it makes sense, and that he is optimistic that will be a good environment. Amendment #1 is expected to pass, it is the brain child of environmental groups, it has been embraced by business friendly communities and legislatures, taking funds and spending them on the preservation of the State whether water or land which will create some rock throwing and everyone is not going to like every decision that is made, once the Bill passes there will be a significant amount of money set aside and used by the Legislature for more water projects, it is an area that is going to grow, there will be big long term policy changes, and there will be conversations on moving people off of septic and whether some of the money set aside will be used to assist with that.

Vice Mayor Herzberg asked about the reapportionment of the sales tax because currently the formula favors the City, population wise. Mr. Pepper stated generally it would wage local counties and cities against each other, right now the revenue picture is good and people do not want to tweak it; if a Bill is filed with reapportionment of sales tax; that is when we come in as those are the kinds of fights on the City's behalf the lobbyists enjoy.

Vice Mayor Herzberg asked about the Communication Service Tax (CST) and Mr. Pepper replied there are changes with CST, landline, mobile and prepaid which is where most of the fights come in, the legislature may tweak the formula to get the local government off their backs and he will advocate for the City.

Vice Mayor Herzberg asked about grant funding, specifically regarding homelessness and Mr. Pepper replied he does not know enough about it, he will look into it and let the Acting City Manager know what he finds out, but he is almost certain it is a one (1) year grant.

Vice Mayor Herzberg asked about any Bills regarding cities being able to act on violations by placing fines on ad valorem tax bills and Mr. Cannon replied that is a league issue, there needs to be a target of opportunity, he would like to compare notes with staff, but it would be a league issue along with local Lobbyists, long term a big agenda move by the league, we will report back in pre-

session workshop.

Commissioner Schleicher thanked the lobbyists for the monthly updates. She stressed the importance of working with the septic tank issue stating the Commission had a meeting with Senator Simmons and according to him it is not going to cost the cities and funds. She stated she is very concerned and does not believe that it is not going to cost the cities anything. Mr. Kirk stated when that is said anyone should be very concerned.

Commissioner Schleicher stated some other concerns are the enterprise zone infrastructure, the activity center will need roads built and the need for grants money, the Commission looking at building a newer senior center and if grants are available for seniors and to start looking at the purchase of fireworks to make the State laws more stringent. Mr. Kirk stated the sale of fireworks became one of the more interesting topics last session, the Bill was to completely deregulate all sales and open to the market, it was a hot topic and did not succeed and will continue to be an issue. Commissioner Schleicher cited safety concerns especially with the commercial size fireworks.

Commissioner Bellizio stated Mr. Kirk was 100% correct, wastewater and potable water affect all of the State, certain counties having done brownfield redevelopment programs with tax incentives and he asked if the same opportunities will arise for Volusia County and Mr. Kirk replied this was a very large issue with the tax credit packages of 2012 and 13, some were done in Volusia County, but more on the eastern side of the county. He stated when cities move to infrastructure and not just tax credits it loses legislators, and he would like to work with staff as to what redevelopment locations and criteria within tax credits to facilitate that.

Commissioner Nabicht expressed water issues are not going to go away and continually need to be managed by taking a lead role to form coalitions and to do what is necessary to get the money and be in the forefront, the City needs to put together projects that are shovel ready, not a matter of whether or not it is going to happen, start mapping out a plan of specific projects like the City is doing with DeLand and Orange City with reclaimed water; the transport issue being a concern and wanting to have local authority to transport patience; workshop on Healthy Start and defunding that has taken place, many people are struggling and any funding to help increase Healthy Start programs; solar energy projects that can be brought to the City on a large scale or just to homeowners to recirculate that money.

Commissioner Denizac stated the septic tank issue is beyond environment, she understands the issues and what we could be confronted with, gave an example of her water bill which was more than her electric bill, need to protect the families in the community, people are hurting, need to be aggressive.

Vice Mayor Herzberg stated she is on the League of Cities Energy and Environmental Policy Committee and one of the things that is connected with solar energy there are talks about is expedited permitting, the sale back of energy to the grid which will be part of what the league puts forward, but it is unknown how much it will affect cities, and policy needs to be changed to take advantage of that.

Commissioner Barnaby stated one of the things that will change the dynamics of the City will be a

hospital which is a magnet for economic development, Halifax has purchased 148 acres in the City for which it needs a Certificate of Need and he had spoken with the governor and it is on his radar, he cannot express how important it is that Deltona have a hospital that can deliver babies, jobs, and residual, which will all come from having a hospital. He asked the lobbyists to please do their part to make this a reality. Mr. Cannon stated he had dealt with certificates of need issues in Orange County and the surrounding area and it is a byzantine process, and he will reach out to Halifax and the governor.

Mayor Masiarczyk thanked Mr. Kirk and Mr. Cannon, the Commission will continue to feed information to the Acting City Manager who forward it to them, but he thinks the lobbyists have a good idea of what the hot topics are, standalone projects are great but he encouraged them to encourage partnerships trying to do a regional approach with the springs because the springs cross City boundaries.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Joyce Raftery, CMC
City Clerk